

**SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

DOCKET NOS. 2017-305-E and 2017-207-E Order No. 2017-81-H

DECEMBER 5, 2017

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTIONS:

Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-920

Friends of the Earth and Sierra Club, Complainant/Petitioner v. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Defendant/Respondent

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Time Limits for Oral Arguments in Cases

HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

On December 12, 2017 and December 13, 2017, oral arguments on Motions to Dismiss by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "the Company") will be heard in Docket Nos. 2017-305-E and 2017-207-E respectively. Oral arguments on a Motion to Amend by the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") and a Motion to Strike by SCE&G in Docket No. 2017-305-E will also be heard on December 12, 2017. Each movant will be heard at the beginning of each motion hearing, followed by each Respondent to each Motion who has filed a Brief and/or a Brief in the form of a letter. Time limits for oral arguments in all Motion hearings as described above are hereby established, due to the number of Respondents to each Motion. Movants and Respondents will each have fifteen (15) minutes for their direct oral arguments in all Motions. After completion of Respondent oral arguments with each motion, the Movant will be allowed ten (10) minutes to present a Reply argument.

I am advised by the Chairman that each oral argument will be allowed to proceed without interruption by the Commission. However, following each oral argument, the Commissioners will be afforded the opportunity to ask questions of counsel. Please note that the time for questions will be over and above the times allowed for oral argument. In other words, counsel will have the entire fifteen (15) minute or ten (10) minute period to argue, followed by Commission questions, if any. This ends the directive.